(e) and (f) The Chandigarh Administration to which the original complaint was forwarded have reported that Chandigarh police had on receipt of a complaint made earlier registered a case in August, 1999 and that on completion of investigation a chargesheet has been filed in the Court for judicial verdict.

Conference on fugitives

†1606. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the CBI had organised a conference on fugitives in Delhi in the month of October, 2003;

(b) if so, the names of participating countries;

(c) whether Pakistani representative had also attended this conference; and

(d) if so, the details of the deliberations held alongwith the points agreed upon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The third International Conference on Fugitives was jointly organized at New Delhi from 15-17th October, 2003 by CBI and Interpol Headquarters, Lyon, France.

(b) The Conference was attended by the delegates from Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Central African Republic, China, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Hong Kong (China), India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Korea, Kuwait, Lebanon, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russia, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Switzerland, Syria, Sudan, Thailand, UAE, Ukraine, Uganda, United Kingdom, USA and Zimbabwe.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The Conference deliberated on the agenda approved by the IPSG (Interpol Secretariat General) Interpol Hqrs., Lyon, France, focusing on

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

adopting new strategies to apprehend fugitives, extradition procedure, setting-up of fugitive investigation units and granting of legal status to Red Corner Notices etc. After deliberations the conference recommended that:

(1) National points of contact for fugitive investigations be established with a view to providing mutual operational assistance in fugitive matters and exchange of reference information.

(2) Member countries, which do not have dedicated fugitive units to co-ordinate international and national searches, should consider establishing them.

(3) Fugitive units engaged in international fugitive investigations should be in a position to communicate directly with each other to ensure especially the timely sharing of information.

(4) To the extent permitted by national laws, the subjects of Interpol search requests (Notice and Diffusions) should be entered into national lookout systems.

(5) Upon receipt of an Interpol search request, member countries should conduct checks in relevant databases and report any leads developed to the requesting country.

(6) To the extent permitted by national laws, member countries should consider the Red Notice a valid request for provisional arrest.

(7) Member countries should consider utilizing all legal options, including their immigration laws, to facilitate the surrender of wanted persons to other countries for prosecution or service of sentences.

(8) Member countries support the idea of a Data Matching Project and should consider their participation in this project sponsored by Interpol Secretariat General/Fugitives Investigating Support Sub-Directorate.

(9) Member countries support the idea of an International Lookout System and recommend the initiation of a pilot project and working group to further develop the concept.